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Fiscal Note



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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

Table with 2 rows and 2 columns. Row 1: Date: May 5, 2010 10:06 AM, Author: THIERRY. Row 2: Dept./Agy.: Corrections, Analyst: Matthew LaBruyere. Subject: Inmate Rehabilitation.

CORRECTIONS EG SEE FISC NOTE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
Amends provisions of the Inmate Rehabilitation and Workforce Development Act

Present law provides for the "Inmate Rehabilitation and Workforce Development Act" and for the program to be administered by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C); provides that the Inmate Rehabilitation and Workforce Development Council function as an advisory board for DPS&C in administering the program; and provides that reductions for room, board, and other administrative costs resulting from participating in a workforce development work release program shall not exceed 75% of the wages received by an inmate. The proposed legislation changes the name of the act to the Reentry Advisory Council and Offender Rehabilitation Workforce Development Act; changes the name of the council to the Reentry Advisory Council and provides the additional duties.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total. All values are \$0.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation would allow eligibility in the workforce development programs to offenders previously not meeting the requirements. This would increase the number of offenders eligible for work release.

According to the Department of Corrections there are 3,516 offenders budgeted in work release programs. In order to place newly eligible offenders into work release programs, additional funding would be needed. The Department of Corrections indicates a savings of \$39.10 (\$54.49 per day in a state facility - \$16.39 per day in parish work release program) per day could be realized by offenders participating in work release programs as opposed to remaining in a state facility. However, as the department indicates, the savings would only be realized if the beds currently filled by the newly eligible workforce development offenders are not back filled, which is filling empty beds with new offenders or offenders currently housed in local facilities. In the event the beds are back filled, an increase of \$16.39 per day per offender will be realized by maintaining 100% capacity at state correctional facilities and increasing the number of offenders in work release programs.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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[] 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost [] 6.8(F) >= \$100,000 Annual SGF Cost
[] 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change [] 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease
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